IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1078 OF 2026

Amol Ramesh Powar ...Applicant
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra And Anr ...Respondents

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Adv. Somnath Thengal a/w Adv. Gulam Khan, for Applicant.
Mr. Shriram Chaudhari, learned APP for the Respondents-State.
Ms. Supriya Balkrushna Bhise (PSI), Gokul Shirgaon Police Station, present.

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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.

DATE : 4th NOVEMBER, 2026.

P.C. :

Heard.

2. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in connect with Crime No.275 of 2026, registered with Gokul Shirgaon Police Station, Kolhapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 143(2), 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

3. He is arrested on 06.10.2026. The charge sheet is yet to be filed. The applicant is involved in an offence registered on the basis of a raid conducted by the police team on “A2 Lodge” situated at Kandalgaon –

Chitranagari Raod, Kolhapur. A secret information was received to the police team that a brothel was being run and an offence of human trafficking was being committed. Two persons were apprehended along with objectionable material. The applicant is stated to be owner of the lodge.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that applicant No.1 has been served with the notice of Section 35 of BNSS Act, but no such endeavor is made to the extent of applicant. It is submitted that there is no antecedent against him. He is ready to abide by any condition.

5. Learned APP opposes the application on the ground that applicant was in collusion with co-accused. The activities are detrimental to the tranquility of the area. There is possibility of repetitive act.

6. I have considered the submissions of the parties. I have gone through the First Information Report. Considering the nature of allegations, I find that no further purpose would be served in detaining the applicant any further. Hence, I pass the following order :

::ORDER::

(i) Bail Application is allowed.

(ii) Applicant shall be released on bail in Crime No.275 of 2026, registered with Gokul Shirgaon Police Station, Kolhapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 143(2), 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya

Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 on furnishing P.R. bond of Rs.70,000/- with one or more solvent sureties of like amount on the following conditions :

(a) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and contact the prosecution witnesses.

(b) The applicant shall furnish contact number of himself or his close relative/friend.

(c) The applicant shall furnish his contact number and address to the Investigating Officer.

(d) The applicant Shall surrender his Aadhar Card and PAN Card to the Investigating Officer, if any.

(e) Applicant shall report the concerned police station on every Sunday between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. till final conclusion of the trial.

(f) The applicant shall co-operate for expeditious disposal of the trial and attend the dates punctually.

(g) Applicant shall not indulge in such a type of activities in future and the violation thereof would entail cancellation of the bail without reference to the Court.

(iii) Bail application is disposed of accordingly.

[SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.]